

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following paragraph between the title and the first line of text as follows:

This is a Division of Application No. 10/247,583 filed September 20, 2002, which in turn is a Division of Application No. 09/424,044, filed November 18, 1999, which in turn is a National Stage of Application No. PCT/JP99/01289 filed March 16, 1999. The entire disclosure of the prior applications is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, lines 22-23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 2A-2E are cross-sectional views of manufacturing steps of a thin film formation method in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, lines 1-3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 3A-3D are cross-sectional views of manufacturing steps of the thin film formation method in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention (continued from Fig. 2);

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, lines 7-9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 5A-5G are cross-sectional views of manufacturing steps of a thin film formation method in accordance with the second embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, lines 18-19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 9A-9C are drawings depicting problems in conventional bank formation; and

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, lines 20-21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 10A-10B are drawings depicting problems in conventional bank formation.